

MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON TAX POLICY

Wednesday, September 20, 2006

9:00 A.M.

Room 521 House Office Building

Chairman Sheen called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Reps. Sheen, Meyer, Gosselin, Newell, Drolet, Palmer, Hoogendyk, Stakoe, Jones, Marleau, Bieda, Farrah, Zelenko, Miller, Meisner, Bennett, Mayes. (17/17)

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: None. (0/17)

Representative Marleau moved to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2006 meeting.

Representative Jones supported the motion. Without objection, the minutes were approved.

Chairman Sheen laid **SB 926** before the committee.

SB 926 Cassis State; funds; Michigan strategic fund act; clarify exemptions.

Chad Arnold, from Senator Cassis' office, testified before the committee in support of **SB 926**.

John Kennedy, representing Internet2, testified before the committee in support of **SB 926**.

Chairman Sheen laid **HB 6028** before the committee.

HB 6028 Taub Property tax; principal residence exemption; homestead exemption for certain individuals who live on campus as a condition of employment; provide for.

Representative Shelley Taub, sponsor of the legislation, testified before the committee.

Bill Anderson, representing the Michigan Townships Association, testified before the committee on **HB 6028**.

Chairman Sheen laid **HR 266** before the committee.

HR 266 Kooiman A resolution to memorialize the Congress of the United States to enact the Hearing Aid Tax Credit Act.

Representative Jerry Kooiman, sponsor of the legislation, testified before the committee.

Vic Krause, representing the Hearing Loss Association of Michigan, testified before the committee in support of **HR 266**.

Chairman Sheen laid **HB 6209** before the committee.

HB 6209 Kooiman Property tax; exemptions; certain nonprofit businesses that provide services to persons with disabilities; provide for exemption.

Representative Jerry Kooiman, sponsor of the legislation, testified before the committee.

David Tiesenga, representing Holland Home, testified before the committee in support of **HB 6209**.

Jim Tuinstra, representing Hope Network, testified before the committee in support of **HB 6209**.

Robert Stein, representing the Michigan Assisted Living Association, testified before the committee in support of **HB 6209**.

Scott Schrager, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury, testified before the committee with a neutral position on **HB 6209**.

Glen Beekman, representing the City of Grand Rapids, testified before the committee in opposition to **HB 6209**.

Scott Engerson, representing the City of Grand Rapids, testified before the committee in opposition to **HB 6209**.

Summer Minnick, representing the Michigan Municipal League, testified before the committee in opposition to **HB 6209**.

Richard Root, Mayor of the City of Kentwood, testified before the committee in opposition to **HB 6209**.

Bill Anderson, representing the Michigan Townships Association, turned in a testimony card in opposition to **HB 6209** but did not wish to speak.

Mickey Knight, representing the Michigan Assessors Association, turned in a testimony card in opposition to **HB 6209** but did not wish to speak.

The following people turned in testimony cards in support of **HB 6209** but did not wish to speak:

Brian Oberly, representing Marwood Nursing and Rehab.

Rob Stevens, representing Genesys Convalescent Center.

Chad Tuttle, representing Sunset Manor and Village.

Jeff Zylstra, representing Royal Atrium Inn.

Timothy Allard, representing Hope Network.

Scott Dzurka, representing the Michigan Association of Community Mental Health Boards.

Robert Perl, representing Clark Retirement Community.

Thomas Hogan, representing Hope Network.

David Herbel, representing the Michigan Association of Homes and Services for the Aging.

Jeanne Cole, representing Barbor Area Housing.

Michael Serila, representing Church of Christ Care.

Leslie Rowe, representing Henry Ford Village.

Donald Hail, representing Oakview Medical Care Facility.

Representative Gosselin moved to adopt the (H-2) substitute to **HB 6209**. **Representative Newell** supported the motion.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Sheen, Meyer, Gosselin, Newell, Drolet, Palmer, Hoogendyk, Stakoe, Jones, Marleau, Bieda, Farrah, Zelenko, Miller, Meisner, Bennett, Mayes. (17/17)

NAYS: None. (0/17)

PASS: None. (0/17)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Gosselin moved to report **HB 6209** as an (H-2) substitute, with recommendation. **Representative Newell** supported the motion.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Sheen, Meyer, Gosselin, Newell, Drolet, Palmer, Hoogendyk, Stakoe, Jones, Marleau, Farrah, Zelenko, Miller, Bennett, Mayes. (15/17)

NAYS: None. (0/17)

PASS: Reps. Bieda, Meisner. (2/17)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Chairman Sheen returned to consideration of **SB 926**.

Representative Gosselin moved to adopt the (H-1) substitute to **SB 926**. **Representative Meyer** supported the motion.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Sheen, Meyer, Gosselin, Newell, Drolet, Palmer, Hoogendyk, Stakoe, Jones, Marleau, Bieda, Farrah, Zelenko, Miller, Meisner, Bennett, Mayes. (17/17)

NAYS: None. (0/17)

PASS: None. (0/17)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Bieda moved to report **SB 926** as an **(H-1)** substitute, with recommendation. **Representative Palmer** supported the motion.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Sheen, Meyer, Gosselin, Newell, Drolet, Palmer, Hoogendyk, Stakoe, Jones, Marleau, Bieda, Farrah, Zelenko, Miller, Meisner, Bennett, Mayes. (17/17)

NAYS: None. (0/17)

PASS: None. (0/17)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Chairman Sheen returned to consideration of **HR 266**.

Representative Marleau moved to adopt the **(H-1)** substitute to **HR 266**. **Representative Jones** supported the motion.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Sheen, Meyer, Gosselin, Newell, Drolet, Palmer, Hoogendyk, Stakoe, Jones, Marleau, Bieda, Farrah, Zelenko, Miller, Meisner, Bennett, Mayes. (17/17)

NAYS: None. (0/17)

PASS: None. (0/17)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Palmer moved to report **HR 266** as an **(H-1)** substitute, with recommendation. **Representative Mayes** supported the motion.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Sheen, Meyer, Gosselin, Newell, Drolet, Palmer, Hoogendyk, Stakoe, Jones, Marleau, Bieda, Farrah, Zelenko, Miller, Meisner, Bennett, Mayes. (17/17)

NAYS: None. (0/17)

PASS: None. (0/17)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Chairman Sheen returned to consideration of **HB 6028**.

Representative Stakoe moved to adopt the **(H-1)** substitute to **HB 6028**. **Representative Newell** supported the motion.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Sheen, Meyer, Gosselin, Newell, Drolet, Palmer, Hoogendyk, Stakoe, Jones, Marleau, Bieda, Farrah, Miller, Meisner, Bennett, Mayes. (16/17)

NAYS: Rep. Zelenko. (1/17)

PASS: None. (0/17)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Hoogendyk moved to report **HB 6028** as an **(H-1)** substitute, with recommendation. **Representative Marleau** supported the motion.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Sheen, Meyer, Gosselin, Newell, Drolet, Palmer, Hoogendyk, Stakoe, Jones, Marleau, Bieda, Farrah, Miller, Meisner, Bennett, Mayes. (16/17)

NAYS: Rep. Zelenko. (1/17)

PASS: None. (0/17)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Chairman Sheen laid **HB 6030** before the committee.

HB 6030 Walker Property tax; principal residence exemption; formula used to calculate exemption for a bed and breakfast establishment; revise.

Representative Howard Walker, sponsor of the legislation, testified before the committee.

Cindy Ruzak, representing Grey Hare Inn Vineyard and Bed and Breakfast, testified before the committee in support of **HB 6030**.

Bill Anderson, representing the Michigan Townships Association, testified before the committee in opposition to **HB 6030**.

Carol Cutler, representing Petals n' Pines Bed and Breakfast, testified before the committee in support of **HB 6030**.

Judy York, representing Yorkburg Manor Bed and Breakfast, testified before the committee in support of **HB 6030**.

Scott Schrager, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury, testified before the committee with a neutral position on **HB 6030**.

Bret Marr, representing the Michigan Hotel, Motel and Resort Association, turned in a testimony card in support of **HB 6030** but did not wish to speak.

Mickey Knight, representing the Michigan Assessors Association, turned in a testimony card in opposition to **HB 6030** as written but did not wish to speak.

There being no further business before the committee, **Chairman Sheen** declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 11:43 a.m.